the names of the organisations misusing the funds and the action initiated against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (d) According to information available, the total amount of foreign contribution received by various associations under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRA) during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was as follows:

Year	Rs. in crores
1993-94	1865.70
1994-95	1892.43
1995-96	2168.84

Associations having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme are required to obtain registration or prior permission under the FCRA before receiving foreign contribution. The associations so registered or permitted are required to submit annual accounts in the prescribed form giving details of receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution. On the basis of information received form such associations an annual report is prepared by the Government. This report contains the names of associations receiving foreign contribution as well as the names of major donor countries and donor organizations. The annual report for 1993-94 and 1994-95 has already been placed in the Parliament Library. The annual report for the year 1995-96 has been compiled and is being placed in the Parliament Library. The annual report for the year 1996-97 will be prepared in due course. The last date for furnishing the accounts for the said year by the associations is 31-7-1997.

There are complaints, at times, about misuse of foreign contributions. The FCRA empowers the Central Government to direct that an association, which fails to give necessary intimation within the prescribed time or in the prescribedmanner, or gives intimation which is false, shall not accept any foreign contribution without the prior permission of the Central Government. One of the reasons for non-intimation or funrnishing of false information by an association could be misuse of funds. During the years 1994, 1995 and 1996, 429 defaulting associations were placed under "prior permission" category. Section 10 of the FCRA also empowers the Central Government to prohibit receipt of foreign contribution, etc. by association in certain cases. Action was taken under this provision against 7 associations during the last three years.

Enquiry into the Fire at MTNL Offices in Chanderlok Building

*12. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MTNL has ordered an enquiry into the fire at MTNL offices in Chanderlok Building on Janpath;

(b) whether the enquiry has since been completed and the report submitted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

Implementation of Long Term Action Plan for KBK in Orissa

*13. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held on the

12th May, 1997 to review the implementation of Long Term Action Plan for KBK in Orissa by the Committee of Secretaries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The annual Plan for the current year envisages an outlay of Rs. 393.32 crores of which the normal flow of funds would be Rs. 249.43 crores, while the additionality envisaged is Rs. 143.95 crores. It was decided that the additionalities envisaged in the LTAP in the various sectors would be considered by the concerned Ministries/Departments based upon specific proposals for new or additional schemes/projects being submitted by the Government of Orissa with full justification. The concerned Ministries/Departments would provide the additional funds to the extent possible through their existing budgets. In case of any shortfall, Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission may be approached to augment the outlay as may be required.

Measures for Improving conditions of prisons

*14. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued notices ot the Union and all State Governments asking their responses within three months on certain legislative and administrative measures suggested by the Hon'ble Court to improve conditions of prisons and to provide better facilities to prisoners;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions given by the Supreme Court; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In its judgement dated 23-12-1996, the Supreme Court has highlighted the prevailing conditions in the prisons and his emphasised the need to take appropriate decision on the recommendations of the Law Commission of India made in its 78th Report on the subject of 'Congestion of undertrial prisoners in Jail' as contained in Chapter 9, to consider the suggestions of the Mulla Committee relating to streamlining the remission system and parole, to deliberate about enacting of a new Prison Act to replace the Indian Prison Act, 1894, to examine the question of framing of a model new All India Jail Manual, to improve medical facilities and hygenic conditions, to think about liberalisation of communication facilities, to take needful steps for streamlining of jail visits and to ruminate on the question of introduction of open air prisons at least in the district headquarters of the country.

(c) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per List II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. A meeting of Home/Prison Secretaries of State Governments/UT Administrations was convened in February 1997 to discuss various aspects of the judgement. The Central Government has stressed upon the State Governments/UT Administrations the need to implement the suggestions of the Supreme Court. The Central Government has also initiated action on the points concerning it.

Investment from Private and Foreign Investors to Strengthen the Infrastructure

*15. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken series of Policy decisions to facilitate